

INDIANS OPPOSE NELSON FORES. RESERVATION BILL

Delegates Sent to Washington to Fight Measure Which Would Limit Their Rights.

SUPERINTENDENT DICKENS GOES TO WASHINGTON

Measure Provides for a Reserve Within Red Lake Indian Reservation.

Much opposition has arisen against Senator Nelson's bill providing for the establishment of a forest reserve within the Red Lake Indian reservation.

The bill has been read twice and referred to the committee on Indian affairs.

Takes Away Rights.

The bill takes from the Indian several rights that they now have, limiting their holdings and provides for the timber on the high lands to be turned into a reserve.

Friends to Protest.

A delegation of Indians from Red Lake have gone to Washington to protest against the bill. Friends of the red men in this county and Clearwater county are also sending protests.

W. F. Dickens, superintendent of the Red Lake agency, has gone to Washington. It is believed that he has been called there to confer in regard to this bill.

One Third District.

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled. That the following described lands within the Red Lake Indian Reservation, Minnesota, be, and the same hereby are, created into a forest reserve, to be known as the Red Lake Indian Forest.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE NORTH, RANGES THIRTY-TWO, THIRTY-THREE, THIRTY-FOUR, THIRTY-FIVE AND THIRTY-SIX WEST, AND TOWNSHIPS ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE NORTH, RANGES THIRTY-TWO, THIRTY-THREE AND THIRTY-FOUR WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPT THE LANDS IN TOWNSHIPS ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE NORTH, RANGE THIRTY-SIX WEST, WHICH BE NORTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF SECTIONS TWENTY-SIX TO THIRTY, INCLUSIVE, AND EXCEPT ALL LANDS WITHIN SECTIONS FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE AND EIGHTEEN, IN TOWNSHIP ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE NORTH, RANGE THIRTY-FOUR WEST. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY LANDS WHICH HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN RE-

LEGISLATION

WHY GIRLS SHOULD WEAR BIG SHOES

Los Angeles, Jan. 31.—Light shoes make bade tempo, according to a bulletin by the Young Women's Club Association here. An investigation by the employment bureau of the organization revealed that many girls lost their jobs because they got "peevish" at their employers, all on account of pinching boots jangling their nerves. The first requirement of a girl seeking work through the Y. W. C. A. here now is—wear big shoes.

CHIEF RIPPLE TO CROOKSTON TRIAL

Chief of Police Frank Ripple went to Crookston today where he will be a witness in a hold-up trial there. A. Meyers, one of a trio of alleged hold-up artists, is being tried for holding up a freight train crew at Dugdale, Minn., last fall. Chief Ripple located several witnesses for the Crookston authorities. Alex Gray, another of the alleged trio, was found guilty Saturday afternoon on the same charge that has been placed against Meyers.

PITT RESIDENT TO FILE FOR COMMISSIONER

H. B. Imsdahl of Pitt has tossed his hat into the political ring and will file for commissioner in the second district. He will oppose Albert Johnson of Baudette township, who has already filed for that office. Helle Clementson, the present commissioner, has announced his intention of filing for representative in this district against Representative L. G. Pendergast.

BILL LETS INDIANS NAME OWN AGENTS

To encourage the Indians of this country to take greater interest in themselves and their affairs, a bill has been introduced in congress conferring on the tribes the right to nominate and elect their agents or superintendents. The bill provides that no person can be appointed as official in charge of any tribe or band unless he shall have procured the consent in writing of a majority of the Indian residents in an agency.

LIQUOR LICENSES UP IN KELLIHER COUNCIL

The village council of Kelliher will consider four applications for liquor licenses at a meeting tonight. The applicants are Frank Arnold, Arthur George Plant, Richard Mar and August Fritz Olson. When the council met to consider liquor applications a month ago all applications were rejected after notices were served by the attorney general. Kelliher is in the Indian "14" district.

ASK REPEAL OF TAX ON MIXED FLOUR

Washington, Jan. 31.—Milling interests today asked the house ways and means committee to repeal the tax on mixed flour, declaring that it would make bread cheaper. It was pointed out that little revenue would be lost if the taxes were taken off.

DITCH ESTABLISHMENT IS CONTINUED; NO DATE

Action on judicial ditch No. 39, which was commenced last Saturday, has been deferred until some later date. No definite time has been set.

"BIG BEMIDJ" OPENS SEASON BY DEFEATING ADA QUINT 23 TO 14

Local Boys Show Up Well Despite Fact That They Only Had Short Practice.

PECK FEATURES IN BRILLIANT PLAY

Fumbles Numerous; Berrigan Out-plays Taller and More Experienced Opponent.

At the Armory Saturday evening the newly organized "Big Bemidj" basket ball team defeated the Ada quint by a score of 23 to 14. This was the first game of the season for the local five and the players showed up well, considering the short time in which they had to practice.

Ada Scores First.

During the first few minutes of play neither side scored. Numerous fumbles were made. Ada scored first with a field basket. Another double counter was secured several minutes later and with a foul thrown the visitors had a total of five points to Bemidj's two. This was the only time that Ada was ahead of the Bemidj team. Two baskets put Bemidj in the lead and from that time on the local boys were in no danger.

Dribbles Length of Floor.

Peck at right guard started the scoring for Bemidj, securing the ball at the toss-up and dribbling it the entire length of the floor and dropping the ball through the net. It was the most brilliant play of the evening.

Team Work Improved.

During the second half the team work of "Big Bemidj" was more evident than at the beginning of the game. The guarding was good, Ada not being able to score until the last few minutes of play when the visitors counted four times.

Howe and Diedrich were at the forward positions for Bemidj. The former played a steady game and made two baskets, both being "loopers." Diedrich played a creditable game, this being his first appearance in a Bemidj uniform.

Figure in Many Plays.

Berrigan at center, a new man on the team, showed up well and out-played his taller and more experienced opponent. He also secured three baskets.

Bestul and Peck at guards played fast games, guarding their men closely and figuring in nearly every play.

The lineups were as follows:

Bemidj: Bestul, Peck, Berrigan, Howe, Diedrich, Mueller. Ada: Bestul, Peck, Berrigan, Howe, Diedrich, Mueller.

Summary—Bemidj: Diedrich 1, Howe 2, Berrigan 3, Bestul 1, Peck 2, Ada: Mueller 3, O'Connell 1, Kalden 1. Fouls: Bemidj—Diedrich 1, Bestul 1, Peck 3, Ada, Sjoldal 2, Mueller 1, Kalden 1.

WILL CHARGE THAT TWINE TRUST EXISTS

Washington, Jan. 31.—As a result of private information, Senator Gronna of North Dakota will bring charges before the senate of the existence of a binder twine trust. He will demand an investigation of the International Harvester trust. The two-cent raise in binding twine in the Northwest is believed to be the cause of the attack. It is alleged that the trust controls the sisal throughout the entire world.

Read the Pioneer want ads.

TWO LICENSES; ONE BRIDE

Madison, S. D., Jan. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Oxell, just married, left today for their Missoula, Mont., home. She was Miss Matilda Olson. George took no chances with the law in the marriage to his bride. Her parents lived right on the Lake-Kingsbury county line. So George for a license in each county.

26 REPORTED KILLED AT PARIS; 32 INJURED IN ZEPPELIN RAID

City in Darkness, See Raider 14,000 Feet in Air; Citizens Warned.

SEARCHLIGHTS SWEEP SKY; OVER \$10,000 DAMAGE

Bomb Hits Six-story Tenement House—Buried Ten in the Debris.

Paris, Jan. 31.—Twenty-six were killed and 32 wounded Sunday morning when Zeppelins visited Paris. The city was in darkness and guards with searchlights spotted the raider when it was 14,000 feet in the air. Warning was given to citizens and orders were issued to extinguish all lights.

Aeroplanes took after the Zeppelin which turned, dropping a dozen bombs. Three and one-half ton bombs were dropped in one quarter alone. One bomb hit a six-story tenement house and buried ten in the debris. Property damage was over \$100,000.

Raiders again visited Paris last night and ten bombs were dropped, but without loss of life and without damage.

The raid Saturday night was the first one by German airships on the French capital since March, 1915, when two Zeppelins dropped a score of bombs.

French Attacks Repulsed.

Berlin, Jan. 31.—(Official.)—All grounds that the Germans gained in the offensive in the vicinity of Neuville has been retained. French counter attacks were repulsed.

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Paris, Jan. 31.—(Official.)—Two German attacks near Dompreire and near the river Somme have been repulsed.

Situation Unchanged.

Constantinople, Jan. 31.—(Official.)—The situation at the Mesopotamia and Caucasus fronts is unchanged.

Rioting in Lisbon.

Lisbon, Jan. 31.—There was rioting here Sunday on account of the high cost of living.

Russians Make Gains.

Petrograd, Jan. 31.—(Official.)—Gains were made Sunday against the Moslems near Ezurum.

Prisoners Are Tortured.

Petrograd, Jan. 31.—(Official.)—Austrians tortured and slayed 500 Russian prisoners of war who refused to dig trenches.

DIODEGENES ATTENTION

Gallon, O., Jan. 31.—Hey, Diogenes, c'mere with that lantern! Fire Chief H. C. Sponsauer has just been granted his earnest petition that his pay be cut from \$900 to \$300 per year. Sponsauer said his private business took part of his time and that his services were worth but \$300 to the city. He has been a member of the first department for fifty years.

CONDITION OF JUDGE CROWELL IMPROVING

The condition of Judge A. M. Crowell, who has been ill for some time, is reported improving, according to a statement made today at St. Anthony's hospital.

FLOODS TAKE HEAVY TOLL OF LIFE AND PROPERTY IN COUNTRY

Believed 65 Have Drowned in Flood in San Diego, Cal., Valley; Warnings Issued.

MERCURY DROPS TO 17 BELOW IN BEMIDJI

Coal Shortage Feared in Alaska; Rains in Missouri; Indiana Rivers High.

Reports from many sections of the country indicate that floods and heavy rains are taking a large toll of lives and that the property loss will amount to millions of dollars. Government forecasts are that the rains and floods will continue.

Mercury Drops Here.

Following the four-day snow storm of last week, Bemidji is having a mild siege of cold weather. The mercury dropped to 20 degrees below zero yesterday and this morning at six o'clock the mercury dropped to 17 degrees below zero. At one o'clock it was one degree below zero.

Four Drowned in Ohio.

Columbus, O., Jan. 31.—Four people were drowned yesterday in attempting to ford the swollen streams in Ohio.

Levee Still Holds.

Yuma, Ariz., Jan. 31.—The levee protecting Yuma is still holding.

Rain in Missouri.

St. Louis, Jan. 31.—Three inches of rain fell in Missouri and Southern Illinois yesterday and today. The rivers are rising.

River Two Miles Wide.

Brazil, Ind., Jan. 31.—Water here is higher than it was in the floods of 1913. It is spreading over a wide area in this section and still rising. The El river is two miles wide.

Offices Are Closed.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 31.—Large industries and government buildings are closed to conserve the fuel supply which is critically getting shorter on account of the snow tying up the railroads to the mines.

3,000,000 Gallons Water.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 31.—Reports here are that the flood has ravaged the districts in the San Diego valley. Thirty-four bodies have been recovered. The death list will possibly reach 65. Three billion gallons of water flooded the valley, making 3,000 people homeless.

Issues Further Warnings.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The weather bureau today issued warnings against further heavy floods in the Ohio, Mississippi and Arkansas valleys.

DETAILS OF FEDERAL SHIP BILL ANNOUNCED

Washington, Jan. 31.—Details of the Federal ship bill were announced today. The bill provides for a shipping board and that the interstate commerce commission permit railroads to make special rates for shipments in connection with their steamers to encourage interior points to participate in foreign trade. All common carriers, foreign and domestic, operating in American waters are forced, under the bill, after Jan. 1, 1917, to obtain licenses which are revocable. No vessel registered or enrolled in the United States can be sold to a foreign country without permission of the board. Failure to observe this regulation will result in a refusal to give clearance papers and the owner of the ship will be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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H. C. L. AND NORTHWEST

St. Paul.—Despite ravages of the foot and mouth disease, there is an overproduction of beef in the Northwest, and the price of beef must drop greatly soon, the Northwest National Bank Review says today.

MINNEAPOLIS.—The city council will refuse to grant permits for the erection of gasoline filling stations, until the soaring price of gasoline is explained to them, an order today said.

ENGLAND CANNOT STOP GERMANY'S TRADE IN BALTIC

Admiral von Holtzendorff, Chief of German Admiralty Staff, Makes Statement.

TRADE NOW REPORTED AS NEARLY NORMAL

For Weeks No British Submarine Has Been Successful; Russian Fleet Frozen Up.

By Carl W. Ackerman.

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Berlin, Jan. 31.—An effective blockade against Germany is impossible, according to Admiral von Holtzendorff, chief of the German admiralty staff, who gave an exclusive interview to the United Press today.

"England," he said, "under no circumstances could stop the commerce in the Baltic successfully between Sweden, Denmark and Germany. For weeks no British submarine has been successful in the Baltic. The Russian fleet is frozen in Russian harbors. The only effect a blockade would cause would be some suffering to women and children. The trade across the Baltic is now absolutely normal."

GERMANY PLANS TO END CONTROVERSY

By Carl W. Ackerman.

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Berlin (via Amsterdam), Jan. 31.—That Germany hopes to end the Lusitania controversy and settle all differences with the United States in a note soon to be dispatched to Washington, will be the substance of a report to President Wilson by Col. E. M. House, his confidential agent.

This was learned by the United Press today on the eve of Col. House's departure from Berlin from persons with whom he conferred during his visits to the German capital.

Conferences Held.

The German chancellor, von Bethmann-Hollweg, Foreign Secretary von Jagow, under Foreign Secretary Zimmermann and many prominent business men and bankers discussed the situation with the president's emissary to Europe.

Germany Friendly.

Col. House, the United Press learned, will report to President Wilson that Germany is most earnest in her desire for a continuance of friendly relations with the United States. He has been informed that German officials desire to clear up not only the Lusitania question, but all controversies yet unsettled.

Col. House left Berlin for Paris Saturday.

May Disavow Sinking.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—Col. E. M. House possibly has succeeded in obtaining Germany's disavowal of the Lusitania sinking, which would assure the end of the Lusitania controversy.

This was the interpretation placed Sunday by Washington officials on news sent by Carl W. Ackerman, United Press correspondent from Berlin, telling of a forthcoming note with which Germany hopes to avert a break with America.

The controversy at present hinges on the difficulty in reaching an understanding on the demands of the United States that the sinking of the Lusitania be disavowed by Germany.

CITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS REST ROOM

The city council will meet in regular session tonight to take up the Rest Room situation. Committees from the Merchants association and the Commercial club as well as many citizens are expected to be present at the meeting.

The army situation will be discussed. Commander Kelly and Lieutenant Houze of Duluth of the Minnesota Naval Militia are in the city today and will be at the meeting tonight. They will attend the drilling of the Bemidji naval militia tonight.

MONGOLIANS MARCHING TOWARD CHINESE CAPITAL

Petrograd, Jan. 31.—It is reported that 20,000 Mongolian rebels are marching toward the Chinese capital, Peking.

SUPREME COURT SUSTAINS DAVID LAMARS CONVICTION

Washington, Jan. 31.—The supreme court today sustained the conviction of David Lamars.

TODAY'S MARKET REPORT

Table with market prices for various commodities like Beef, Hogs, Sheep, Wheat, Rye, Corn, etc.

Bemidji Markets.

Table with local market prices for Turkey, Geese, Ducks, Hens, Veal, etc.

U. S. SUBMARINE REPORTED MISSING

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 31.—One of the four submarines of the K-type enroute from New York to Key West is missing. It has been missing since one o'clock Sunday morning. Officials refuse to confirm or deny the report. K-1, 2 and 6 have arrived here but it is thought that K-5 is gone.

RANGE PIONEER FREEZES TO DEATH

Gilbert, Minn., Jan. 31.—The body of J. P. O'Neill, a range pioneer, was found in the snow yesterday near here. O'Neill became lost and the body was discovered 15 hours later.

PETER GORANSON FILES FINAL PROOF

Final proof was made Saturday by Peter Goranson on 160 acres in sections 32 and 33, township 153 and range 31.

CROOKSTON, MINN., JAN. 31.—The Polk county grand jury today reconvened to probe blind pig cases, mostly in Crookston.

NEGRO KILLS TWO IN BUFFALO, N. Y.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 31.—A negro killed Mrs. Charles Topper, 70, and son, George, and mortally wounded a grand daughter this morning when they stopped to repair an automobile.

FRED JOHNSON IS ADJUDGED INSANE

Fred Johnson of Kelliher was adjudged insane in the probate court this morning. He will be taken to the asylum at Fergus Falls.

Pioneer want ads pay.

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